

Remarks

The Office Action dated June 15, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully noted. In response thereto, Applicants have canceled claims 53-55 in an effort to place the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the objections to the claims is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Election Restrictions

Applicants note the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2003 is withdrawn and all of the claims previously withdrawn from consideration have been rejoined and examined.

Claim Objections

Claims 53-55 have been objected to as being in improper form and have not been further treated on the merits. Applicants have above canceled claims 53-55 to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-52 are allowed and note the Examiner's Statement for Reasons for Allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and early favorable action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney if any questions remain following review of this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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